

STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY

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An Act To Protect Water Quality by Requiring Additional Disclosures to Purchasers of Consumer Fireworks Regarding Safe and Proper Use

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 8 MRSA §223-A, sub-§10, as enacted by PL 2011, c. 416, §5 and affected by §9, is amended to read:

10. Disclosures to customers. A person authorized to sell consumer fireworks shall provide to the purchaser at the point of sale written guidelines describing the safe and proper use of consumer fireworks, which must include, but are not limited to, guidelines regarding the safe and proper use of consumer fireworks around bodies of water; guidelines regarding the prevention of littering in the use of consumer fireworks; and guidelines regarding the effects from the use of consumer fireworks on wildlife, livestock and domesticated animals. The guidelines must also include the following statements in a conspicuous location: "MAINE LAW EXPRESSLY PROHIBITS PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE FROM PURCHASING, POSSESSING OR USING CONSUMER FIREWORKS" and "FURNISHING CONSUMER FIREWORKS TO PERSONS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IN MAINE." Such guidelines must be published or approved by the commissioner prior to distribution.